

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A In combination, a wrench with and a wrench stop affixed thereto, comprising:

an elongated shank having at least one gripping end having opposing sides, the gripping end being adapted for gripping a fastener, the shank being turned in order to apply torque for tightening and loosening the fastener; and

a rigid circular plate removably attached to one of the opposing sides of the gripping end in order to prevent the gripping end from slipping past the fastener, the said plate having a hole defined through the center of the said plate adapted for extending around a shank of a bolt or stud; and

a toothed ring coupled to said rigid circular plate, said toothed ring having a diameter smaller than said circular plate and defining a hole aligned with the hole of said circular plate;

wherein said circular plate is magnetized.

Claim 2. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein the gripping end comprises a U-shaped pair of jaws defining an open end wrench, said circular plate being attached to both jaws across the open end of the wrench, the diameter of the hole defined in the center of said plate being less than the width of the U-shaped opening defined by said jaws, whereby said jaws are prevented from sliding off lands defined on said fastener.

Claim 3. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein the gripping end comprises a closed loop having internal gripping teeth defining a box end wrench, said circular plate being attached across the loop, the diameter of the hole defined in the center of said plate being less than the diameter of the loop, the circular plate and the loop being coaxially aligned, whereby the box end is prevented from sliding off said fastener, and said toothed ring being adapted for engaging the internal gripping teeth in the box end wrench in order to prevent rotation of the wrench stop with the gripping end of the wrench.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein the gripping end comprises a closed loop having a ratcheting gear with internal gripping teeth defining a ratcheting box end wrench, said circular plate being attached across the loop, the diameter of the hole defined in the center of said plate being less than the diameter of the loop, the circular plate and the loop being coaxially aligned, whereby the ratcheting box end is prevented from sliding off said fastener, and said toothed ring being adapted for engaging the internal gripping teeth in the ratcheting box end wrench in order to prevent rotation of the wrench stop with the gripping end of the wrench.

Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein said circular plate is made from metal.

Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein said circular plate is made from plastic.

Claims 7-12. (*Canceled*)

Claim 13. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein said at least one gripping end comprises a first gripping end having a U-shaped pair of jaws defining an open end and a second gripping end having a closed loop with internal gripping teeth defining a box end, whereby said shank defined a combination wrench, said rigid circular plate comprising a first circular plate selectively attached to said first end and a second circular plate selectively attached to said second end.

Claim 14. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein said circular plate has a serrated edge.

Claim 15. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according claim 1, wherein said circular plate has a smooth edge.

Claim 16. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench ~~with a~~ and the wrench stop according to claim 1, wherein said circular plate has a thickness between about one-sixteenth and one-quarter inches.

Claim 17. (*Currently Amended*) A wrench stop, comprising:

a circular plate having a hole defined therein, ~~the plate being adapted for attachment across a gripping end of a wrench, the hole being adapted for extending around a shank of a bolt or stud in order to prevent the wrench from disengaging from the bolt or stud;~~

an annular magnet permanently affixed to the circular plate, the magnet defining a hole aligned with the hole in said circular plate, said circular plate having a serrated periphery for ease in grasping the wrench stop;

a toothed ring attached to said annular magnet;

whereby the plate being adapted for selective attachment across a gripping end of a wrench, the hole being adapted for extending around a shank of a bolt or stud in order to prevent the wrench from disengaging from the bolt or stud, and the wrench stop is adapted for attachment to the gripping end of the wrench by magnetic attraction.

Claims 18-19 (*Canceled*)

Claim 20. (*Currently Amended*) The wrench stop according to claim 19 17, ~~further comprising a toothed ring attached to said annular magnet, wherein~~ the toothed ring having a diameter smaller than said annular magnet, the toothed ring being adapted for engaging internal teeth in a box end wrench in order to prevent rotation of the wrench stop with the gripping end of the wrench.

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Claim 21. (*New*) The wrench and the wrench stop according to claim 1, further comprising an annular magnet permanently affixed between said circular plate and said toothed ring, the magnet defining a hole aligned with the hole in said circular plate and said toothed ring;

whereby the wrench stop is adapted for selective attachment to the gripping end of the wrench by magnetic attraction.